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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., June 7th, 1887

Sir:

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I will thank you to inform the Bureau whether Mr. Joseph Wharton has completed his delivery of the 50,000 pounds of one cent blanks you were authorized to receive from him under date of April 11th.

From a statement furnished this Bureau by the Treasurer of the United States, it appears that the amount of minor coin in the several sub-Treasuries at the present date is as follows:

5 cent nickel.....	\$64,478.90
1 cent bronze.....	16,854.61

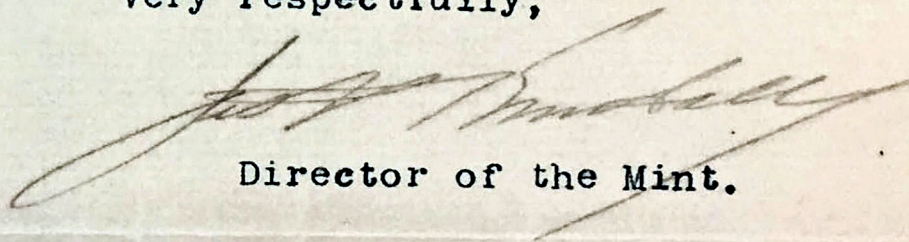
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Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. A. R. M.", is written over the printed title "Director of the Mint." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

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